

The local radio stations have nothing to worry about. And who is really worried, the radio stations or the recording industry. Satellite radio plays many songs that aren't played on any radio station anywhere in the US. As far as the local news, weather and traffic, the local stations still have the upper hand and probably always will. Somebody in Seattle or San Francisco does not want to hear about political corruption in Louisiana or about the traffic at route 10 in Backwoods, IA. The local stations will always have the local business to do advertising with and as we all know that XM and Sirius don't have any advertising and if XM and Sirius do pick up some new, weather and traffic from some market, will they let local advertisers buy time on satellite bandwidth, no. If the radio stations really wanted in on the satellite business, have them lease their own streams on XM or Sirius or launch their own satellites and start their own satellite broadcast. I have XM and I still listen to the radio due to local personalities. Both XM/Sirius and AM/FM stations have their advantages and disadvantages, but for the near future, one will not put the other out of business or lose revenue. The major radio broadcasters have plenty of money and they're just mad because they aren't being included on the fun. Bill HR4026 is a joke and the NAB can't stand to see someone else step on their toes.